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MEDICAL INTERPRETER CLASS



Medical Interpreter Training was held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Topeka on Feb. 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18. The 40-hour intensive, interactive training for bilingual participants was well attended and according to final evaluations very successful. For further trainings look on page 7 of this edition of Connections.

MISSION OF MERCY DENTAL CLINIC IN SALINA

The fourth Mission of Mercy free dental clinic was held at the Salina Bicentennial Center on Feb. 18, 19 and 20. The doors were open every morning at 5 a.m. and many people waited in line, some for up to 12 hours. Of the four free dental clinics held in Kansas since 2003, this clinic was the only one to reach the "\$1 million mark," meaning more than \$1 million worth of dental care was provided free of charge. The total value of dental work provided at the Salina Clinic was \$1,100,287. There were 2,520 patients seen at the three-day clinic receiving: 2,300 fillings, 3,700 extractions, 72 root canals, 27 partial dentures and 770 cleanings. All these services were provided by approximately 2,000 volunteers from across Kansas and neighboring states. Salina dentist, Guy Gross, who helped



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coordinate this event felt the free dental clinic met and exceeded its goals. There were many emotional stories shared by recipients of the dental clinic as well as those who volunteered. Next year the Mission of Mercy free dental clinic will be held in Wichita.

KIPHS PROJECT

by Pete Kitch



Part of our overall strategy for the Kansas KIPHS project has been to have health department "partners" in other states help support ongoing system enhancements. It looks like 2005 may produce up to \$80,000 from other states for enhancements that will be of benefit to Kansas partner health departments. These include the continuation and completion of an Omaha Nursing Model framework for support of field nursing, but more importantly it will enable health departments to utilize the same concepts for outcome analysis in any public health program. This module includes TabletPC usage for field visits and represents our first step towards a future wireless system capability. In addition, we have health departments in Washington state utilizing our ODBC interface to directly query the database through SQL and create SQL analysis databases for assessment and assurance purposes utilizing GIS. Several other exciting projects are in the contracting stage.

In addition, Kansas is also funding our share of enhancements including the new MCH/FP client visit modules, and a grant request has been submitted by KALHD for the creation of an EMR module for M&I. A number of other projects are also under discussion. Overall, now that we have HIPAA compliance and electronic billing pretty well behind us, we believe 2005 will bring a number of exciting enhancements to PHClinic.

DANGEROUS AND UNWANTED LAB CHEMICALS

*by Bill Bider, Director
Bureau of Waste Management*



Several years ago, a person from western Kansas forwarded a copy of a feature article in the Rocky Mountains

News to the Bureau of Waste Management for consideration. The article identified what it characterized as "ticking time bombs" in school laboratories due to the presence of dangerous chemicals. This was not a totally new concept to KDHE because 15 to 20 years earlier, KDHE carried out a project to remove some of the more hazardous materials from school labs such as picric acid, pure sodium metal, and some other potentially explosive chemicals.

However, that project took place a long time ago and statewide coverage may have been limited. A whole new set of problems could have developed and some citizens thought KDHE should get involved both in assessing the situation and in assisting schools to eliminate risks.

In response to these concerns, KDHE planned and implemented the "Kansas School Lab Sweep Program" that is now nearing completion. This program has taken three years and served secondary schools in 91 of Kansas' 105 counties. KDHE has provided chemical assessment and disposal service to any school that is willing to sign an agreement to make a good faith effort to manage chemicals properly in the future including wise chemical purchases, proper storage and labeling, and appropriate use. KDHE helps participating schools decide how to dispose of unwanted or unusable chemicals whether hazardous or not.

The Lab Sweep Program is schedule to end by June 2005 for all Kansas secondary schools. Through January 2005, 194 schools had participated and over 11,500 containers of hazardous waste were removed for proper disposal (14,900 pounds). Thousands of non-hazardous chemicals were also disposed of at these schools.

It is noteworthy that very few extremely hazardous chemicals were discovered in Kansas school labs. In other words, the "ticking time bomb" scenario did not seem to apply to Kansas schools. Some of the more dangerous chemicals removed from schools included sodium azide, ether, 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine, gunpowder, and potassium metal.

The program manager for the lab chemical sweep is Maria Morey in the Bureau of Waste Management. If you have more questions about this program, please contact her at (785) 296-1611 or by e-mail at mmorey@kdhe.state.ks.us. KDHE is presently evaluating whether to extend this program to junior college laboratories in coming years.

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

April 4 - 10, 2005

**National Public Health Week, to take place
April 4 - 10, will focus on empowering Americans to live stronger, longer.**



IN MEMORY



Judith L. Nagel, of the Sedgwick County Health Department, passed away Feb. 4. Survivors include her husband, John; daughter Kathy Ward; sons Mike and Jim; step-daughter

Samantha; step-sons Scott and Stephen Nagel and son Lorne Buis. Funeral services were held on Feb. 12 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Memorials may be made to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice. Judy will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and coworkers.



REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

March 23
May 25
July 27
Sept. 28
Nov. 30

North Central Region: Meetings are from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

April 26 at the Russell County Health Department
June 28
Aug. 23
Oct. 25
Dec. 6

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions.

March 10
June 9
Sept. 8
Dec. 8

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

April 14
June 9
Aug. 11
Oct. 13
Dec. 8

Southeast Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 West 7th, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions.

May 12
Aug. 4
Nov. 10

Southwest Region: Meetings are held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Garden City, location to be announced. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

March 18 at the Finney County Administration Building
May 20
July 15
Sept. 16
Nov. 18

NEWS BRIEFS

Pawnee County Health Department Sponsors "Booster Rooster" Program

Elaine Welch, Healthy Start Home Visitor, Pawnee County Health Department, Sgt. Ron Knoefel, of Troop E Kansas Highway Patrol and Mike Hulse, Kansas Highway Patrolman, presented the Booster Rooster program to Pawnee County children grades kindergarten through the 4th grade.



Sgt. Knoefel, Trooper Hulse and Welch are all Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. They were assisted by Val Marshall, USD 495 parent educator, with the Parent As Teachers program. Sgt. Knoefel and Welch were participants at the Booster Rooster training that was provided by the Kansas Safety Belt Education office last spring. The Booster Rooster program was provided to over 450 grade school children in Pawnee County. Welch received donations from local businesses and was able to purchase t-shirts for all the grade school children. The children colored the Booster Rooster decals to put on their t-shirts. Patty Holaday, Spe-

cial Education Class teacher, at Larned High School, along with her staff and students pressed the decals on the t-shirts for the children. On Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, a Car Seat Inspection was held from 9:00 to 1:00. Coming up on March 30, the same presentation will be directed to all pre-school facilities in Pawnee County, involving approximately 150 children. The health department has received many positive comments from parents of children in the "Booster Rooster" program.



Register on Kansas-TRAIN to Create Your Own Learner Record:

1. <http://ks.train.org>
2. Click on register on the left hand side of the screen under login
3. Complete the instructions in filling out the information on the subsequent pages.
4. Write down your User ID and Password

How to Search for Kansas Courses:

1. Log into <http://ks.train.org>
2. Click on the "Course Search" tab
3. On the left hand side of the screen, click on "Browse My State Only"
4. Click on the desired course title
5. To register for the **live** course, click on the Registration tab, click the word "Register" to the right of the session you want to attend.

How to Withdraw From a Course:

1. Click "My Learning," in "My Learning Record" in the lower right hand corner **KS-TRAIN** home page.
2. Follow the prompts to withdraw from a course/session.

Becoming a Course Provider on KS-TRAIN

To Apply as an **Individual**:

1. Log onto KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>
2. Click on "My Account" in the lower right hand side of the screen
3. Scroll to the bottom of the profile page and click on "Request to become a course provider"

4. Complete the application, then click "Save"

To Apply for an **Organizational** Account:

1. Go to the KS-TRAIN home page <http://ks.train.org>
2. Before you login, click on the "Become A Course Provider" link below the login and register buttons.
3. Complete the application form using the organization's name (e.g. MyCounty LHD) instead of a person's name.
4. Once your application has been submitted, you should receive approval within 48 hours. You are now ready to list your courses on KS-TRAIN.

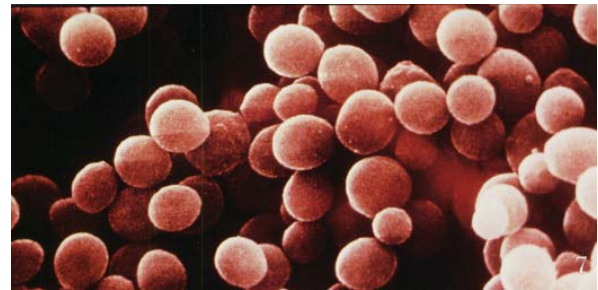
Get on board the **KS-TRAIN**! For further information, contact the KS-TRAIN Administrator, Linda Frazier, Public Health Workforce Development Coordinator, at 785-296-3641, e-mail:

lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us, or the KS-TRAIN Conductor, Debbie Nickels at dnickels@kdhe.state.ks.us or 785-291-3457.

"Register" to the right of the session you want to attend.

Community-Associated MRSA (CA-MRSA)

Staphylococcus aureus, often referred to simply as "staph," are bacteria commonly carried on the skin or in the nose of healthy people. Approximately 25 to 30 percent of the population is colonized (when bacteria are present, but not causing an infection) in the nose with staph bacteria. Sometimes, staph can cause an infection.



Staph bacteria are one of the most common causes of skin infections in the United States. Most of these skin infections are minor (such as pimples and boils) and can be treated without antibiotics (also known as antimicrobials or antibacterials). However, staph bacteria also can cause serious infections (such as surgical wound infections, blood-stream infections, and pneumonia).

Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) is resistant to certain antibiotics. These antibiotics include methicillin and other more common antibiotics such as oxacillin, penicillin and amoxicillin. Staph infections, including MRSA, occur

most frequently among persons in hospitals and healthcare facilities (such as nursing homes and dialysis centers) who have weakened immune systems. MRSA infections that are acquired by persons who have not been recently within the past year hospitalized or had a medical procedure (such as dialysis, surgery, catheters) are known as CA-MRSA infections. The majority of MRSA infections occur among patients in hospital or other healthcare settings; however, it is becoming more common in the community setting. Data from a prospective study in 2003, suggests that 12 percent of clinical MRSA infections are community-associated, but this varies by geographic region and population. You can prevent staph or MRSA skin infections by doing the following:

- ✓ Keep your hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- ✓ Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until healed.
- ✓ Avoid contact with other people's wounds or bandages.
- ✓ Avoid sharing personal items such as towels or razors.

For further information about CA-MRSA go to http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/aresist/ca_mrsa_public.htm

Bioterrorism Program Library



The Kansas Bioterrorism Program has developed a reference library of print, multimedia and audiovisual materials that are available for checkout to local health department and hospital staff who work in bioterrorism prepared-

ness.

"We're very excited to be able to offer the library as a resource to those involved in preparedness planning at the local and regional levels," said Mindee Reece, Director of the Kansas Bioterrorism Program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The library is just one way the program is helping to fulfill the requirements of a five-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Grant funds are being used to make Kansas more prepared to respond to an attack by terrorists using biological weapons, or an outbreak of emerging infectious disease such as SARS or pandemic influenza.

The primary means by which the Kansas Bioterrorism Program is accomplishing this goal is by pro-

viding resources, training and technical assistance to local health departments and hospitals. The program is also developing a statewide response plan in conjunction with those being developed locally.

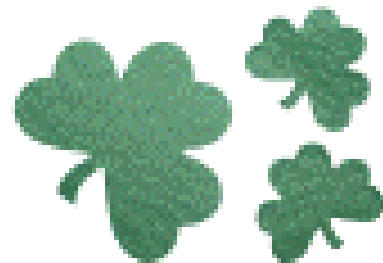
For the complete listing of library materials, users of the Public Health Information Exchange (PHIX) system can log in and view the library's information page. If not a PHIX user, contact Mike Heideman at 785-296-4363, mheidema@kdhe.state.ks.us to request library items. There is no fee, but items must be returned within 30 calendar days of checkout.

ADA and CDC Celebrate 60th Anniversary of Community Water Fluoridation

Community water fluoridation, cited as one of ten great public health achievements of the 20th century by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), celebrates its 60th birthday this year. To help recognize this public health milestone, the American Dental Association (ADA) and CDC, will host a National Fluoridation Symposium at the ADA headquarters in Chicago from July 13-16. The symposium will recognize the impact of community water fluoridation for improving oral health and overall health. "Fluoridation is the single most effective public health measure for preventing tooth decay and improving oral health over a lifetime," stated William R. Mass, D.D.S., M.P.H., Director, CDC Division of Oral Health. For more information and key facts about community water fluoridation go to



http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/pressreleases/wf_anniversary.htm



CONFERENCES

KDHE Minority Health Conference 2005: Connecting Kansas Communities



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) *Minority Health Conference 2005: Connecting Kansas Communities* will convene April 13, bringing together health professionals and community champions from across the state. The conference attendees will learn of new strategies and resources to improve the health of diverse ethnic populations across the state. The one-day conference will be at the Holiday Inn - Holidome, Lawrence from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Displays, presentations, networking with colleagues, and making new connections are included on the agenda for the one-day conference.

Registration materials are being mailed out to organizations and individuals specializing in improving the health of ethnic populations in Kansas. According to Bridgitt Mitchell, Assistant to the KDHE Secretary - Minority Health Liaison the attendance is limited to 250 people.

Highlights of the April 13 conference include, a luncheon speech by Governor Kathleen Sebelius, and a keynote presentation by Dr. David Williams, a professor of the University of Michigan. Williams is a nationally recognized author and researcher in the areas of health trends, social determinants, and ethnic and racial disparities as it relates to the health outcomes of underserved populations.

For more conference information, e-mail: minorityhealth@kdhe.state.ks.us or on the web – <http://www.minorityhealthks.org>.



Sailing the C's of Public Health Conference



This year's conference for Public Health Nursing/Maternal Child Health will be held at the Wichita Airport Hilton on May 3 – 5. Topics and breakout session for this year's conference are located at http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/olrh/LHD_PHN_Conference.htm. Registration for this year's conference will be available on KS-TRAIN in the near future. A PHIX message and KRHS notice will be sent when registration is activated.



On of this year's key note speaker is Bernice Buresh. Bernice Buresh is an experienced Boston-based journalist who co-authored the award winning book "From Silence to Voice: What Nurses Know and Must Communicate to the Public."

The book, "From Silence to Voice: What Nurses Know and Must Communicate to the Public" looks at cultural influences - the religious history of nursing, gender prejudice and socialization, medical domination - that play a role in silencing nurses. The book suggests ways that nurses can build upon the communication skills they employ in their work with patients and families to communicate with the broader public about the critical contribution of nursing to the care of the sick and the health of the public.

Bernice Buresh has been writing about nursing and healthcare for more than 10 years, in the hope of making nurses' contributions visible in the media and public eye. In 1990, she and the book's co-author Suzanne Gordon conducted one of the first media studies of its kind - on the representation of nurses in US newspaper coverage of health care. Their findings showed that nurses who make up the largest health care profession, were the most ignored group in the coverage, accounting for only 1.1 per cent on health issues.

5 A's Smoking Cessation During Pregnancy

Ms. Cecelia Gaffney, M.Ed, will present at one of the breakout sessions on May 3 at the Public Health Nursing/MCH Conference, "The 5 A's Smoking Cessation During Pregnancy." Research indicates that most women who quit smoking during pregnancy will resume smoking again after childbirth. Ms. Gaffney will present information on how to actively engage pregnant women in tobacco cessation. Gaffney is an instructor in Community and Family Medicine at the Dartmouth Medical School in Virginia and Tobacco Cessation Consultant at Morris Cotton Cancer Center, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

Reversing the Tide – Promoting Policies and Programs to Advance the Nation's Health



NACCHO-ASTHO 2005 Joint Conference, July 12 – 15, *The Boston Copley Place*, Boston, Massachusetts. For more information, contact; NACCHO-ASTHO 2005 Joint Conference

Staff, Telephone: (202) 371-9090, Fax: (202) 371-9797, E-mail: jointmeeting@astho.org. Visit the Web site at http://www.astho.org/?template=annual_meeting.html&PHPSESSID=6fba268ea87391597f64420c0e009cce.



Kansas Conference on Social Welfare

Paula Jasso, President of the 2005 Kansas Conference on Social Welfare, would like to invite you to attend this year's conference - "Focus on Families- Building Healthy Relationships" On April 3 - 5. The conference will be partnering with the Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP), administered by the Department on Aging, to provide a wider selection of presenters and topics. Approval to provide 12 CEUs for nurses from the Kansas State Board of nursing, and the same for Social Workers from the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board is in process. Early bird registration is \$70 and students are only \$35.

Tracks will include Healthy Marriage/Relations and Grandparents as Parents. Other topics will be Fatherhood, Childhood Obesity, Poverty Simulation, Ethics and more. Please mark your calendar to attend April 3-5. The Conference will be held at the

Olathe Holiday Inn 101 W. 151st, Olathe, KS. Room rates are \$65.00 for one to four people in a room.

We hope you will join us this year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Paula Jasso at plzj@srskansas.org or our registration secretary Candace Eck at cve@srskansas.org.

19th National Conference - Chronic Disease Prevention and Control



Health Disparities: *Progress, Challenges, and Opportunities; Accelerating the Rate of Progress in*

Improving Lives. This conference will focus on efforts to eliminate disparities and will explore more rigorous approaches for accomplishing the *Healthy People 2010* objectives. The conference is scheduled for March 1-3 in Atlanta, GA, at the Marriot Marquis. For questions about the conference call 770-488-5131 or

<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/conference>

TRAININGS

Medical Interpreter and Cultural Competency Training



Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Office of Local and Rural Health (OLRH), is proud to announce its fourth year of sponsoring medical interpreter training and its second year for cultural competency training.

KDHE has contracted with Jewish Vocational Service of Kansas City, MO to present each training session. The training sessions are listed below:

Medical Interpreter Training Schedule

Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants.



The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

Southwest Kansas

1710 Palace Drive, Garden City
Area SRS Building
April 18 - 22 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

South Central Kansas

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Wichita
Sunflower Room 2202
June 6–10 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at bmiller@jvskc.org.

Cultural Competency Training Schedule

Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.



Hays - March 21-22 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Fort Hays State University
600 Park Street, Fort Hays
Memorial Union, College Drive, Trails Room
** (No food or drink can be brought in from the outside. All food or drink consumed in the classroom must be purchased from the Student Union vendor.)

Salina - March 23-24 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Catholic Charities
425 W. Iron, Salina
Board Room

Dodge City - April 14-15 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Western Plains Medical Complex
108 Ross Blvd., Dodge City
Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at bmiller@jvskc.org.

Introduction to Basic Epidemiology

"Introduction to Basic Epidemiology" sponsored by the Kansas Public Health Certificate Program will be held on Tuesday, March 29, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 30, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Locations include:



Chanute – KDHE SW District
Hays – KU Area Health Education Center
Topeka – class is full
Wichita – KU School of Medicine – Wichita

Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to provide basic concepts and principles in epidemiology that can be applied to public health and mental health issues. The overall goal is to introduce the use of the epidemiologic approach in decision-making and will address the following critical skills

1. Basic terminology and the epidemiologic method
2. Measures of health and disease
3. Definitions and uses of measures of association
4. Data issues.

Registration for this course is available on KS-TRAIN <http://ks.train.org>

Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute



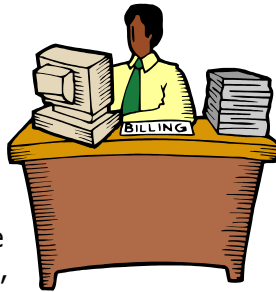
The second cycle of Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) scholars has now progressed halfway through the year-long curriculum. The next training session will be held in Wichita on April 28 and 29. National recognized keynote speakers at the session will be Vince Covello, PhD, who will speak on risk communication, and Marian "Shug" Yagel McBay, MDiv, PhD, who will speak on ethics in public health.

Recruitment for the 2005-06 KPHLI cycle will begin this spring. Please contact Theresa St. Romain, KPHLI Coordinator (tstromain@kumc.edu), for more information or with nominations for the next class of KPHLI scholars.

Billing Workshops

NE Billing Group

Thursday, May 12
Thursday, Aug. 4
Thursday, Nov. 3



Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. For further information contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110.

NC Billing Group, March 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon at the Lincoln County Emergency Services Building. For further information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

NW Billing Group, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at the First State Bank Basement, 101 E Cherry, Hill City. For further information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

SC Billing Group, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. For further information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

SW Billing Group, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon, Santa Bank, Satanta. For further information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION WEB SITES OF INTEREST

"Potential Military Chemical/Biological Agents and Compounds." FM 3-11.9, Jan. 2005. Department of Defense
<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-11-9.pdf>

Alternative Medical Care Site Selection Matrix – AHRQ
http://www.ahrq.gov/research/altsites/altmatrix1_final.htm

Homeowner emergency preparedness guide. Homeownership alliance & DHS
http://www.homeownershipalliance.com/documents/emergency_final.pdf

Public Health Risks of Disasters: Communication, Infrastructure, and Preparedness. The Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. (2005)
<http://www.nap.edu/books/0309095425/html/>

GAO Report. Weapons of Mass Destruction: Non-proliferation Programs Need Better Integration. GAO-05-157, Jan. 28. <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-05-157>

Highlights –

<http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d05157high.pdf>

IOM Report

The IOM is releasing Public Health Risks of Disaster: Communication, Infrastructure, and Preparedness, a workshop report that considers issues related to health risks of disasters, how the United States will rise to meet these challenges, and what research and training priorities for communication, infrastructure, and preparedness are needed to strengthen the response to health-related risks. To read online visit

<http://www.nap.edu/books/0309095425/html/>

Orientation to KAN Be Healthy: Registered Nurse Training Program

The newly revised 2005 KBH Registered Nurse training manual will reflect additional food pyramid and growth screening tool information. It will be available to current KBH trained nurses as a download FREE of charge from Jan. 18- Feb. 18 at <https://www.kmap-state-ks.us> Click on Kan Be Healthy then "Revised RN training manual, January 2005" This 168 page manual is to replace the old manual last revised in March 2004. The download will require Adobe Acrobat and will take approximately 15-20 minutes to print.

Questions? Contact mary.kopp@washburn.edu

Initial Orientation to KAN Be Healthy: RN Classroom Training

THREE OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM

In order for a Registered Nurse to be able to provide KBH screening services they must attend an Initial Orientation to KAN Be Healthy: RN training. Upon completion, registered nurse attendees will be considered trained KAN BE Healthy (KBH) screening providers. (Registered nurses cannot independently enroll for reimbursement as a Kansas Medical Assistance Program provider.

Training options include classroom, independent self-study, and web-based format. All training options are identical. No equipment demonstrations will be provided at the classroom session. The classroom format is four hours in length. The independent self-study and web-based take approximately four hours to complete as well. For questions regarding content please email mary.kopp@washburn.edu or call 785-231-1010 ext 2615.

Program training objectives:

- ✓ Discuss the KBH Standards of Practice of a KAN BE Healthy (KBH) screen
- ✓ Review required types and frequencies of a KBH screen
- ✓ Apply recommendations from the Academy of Pediatrics-Committee on Practice and Ambulatory Medicine to the KBH Standards of Practice
- ✓ Identify age appropriate KBH referral criteria

Classroom Dates:

Tuesday, Mar. 8, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Leavenworth

Thursday, May 5, Wichita Hilton, immediately following the 2nd Annual Public Health Nurse/Maternal Child Conference 1-5. For this location, register on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>

The Initial Orientation to KAN BE Healthy: RN training offers **four** contact hours. The fee is \$50.00. Washburn University, School of Nursing, is an approved provider of nursing continuing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. Registration is required. To register call 785-231-1399 or on-line at <http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh>.

March and April's Downlinks or Webcasts

March 2005 ▲	
03/02/05 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT	Postponing Sexual Involvement: Abstinence Counseling and Education <i>(Public Health Staff Development)</i> For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphntn .
03/03/05 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM CT	Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases Part 3 of 4 View course overview. <input type="text"/>
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